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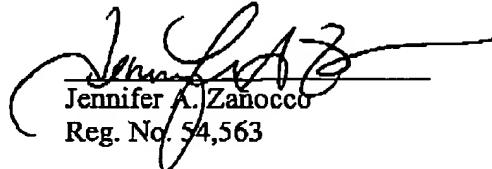
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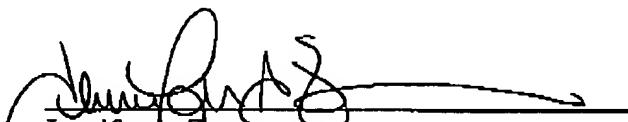
Applicant respectfully notes that not all of the limitations noted by the Examiner may be required for patentability, and that other reasons for patentability may exist.

In addition, Applicant respectfully notes that at least one of claims 1-14 is not directed to a method of polishing wherein a first polishing step utilizes a linear fixed abrasive polishing sheet and is followed by a second polishing step which polishes utilizing a rotary fixed-abrasive polishing pad.

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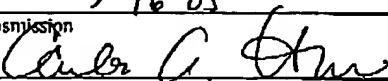
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